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HOME CHRISTMAS

At the request of the Conference Committee on Religious Education, Mrs. E. B. Kientz of Stockton offers the following ideas for creating the spirit of Christmas in the home.

The purpose of these suggestions is to help increase the religious observance of the birthday of Jesus. In some way may we make Christmas a holy day, that Christ may be honored and our children feel awe at "love come down at Christmas time."

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

1. Have the whole family join in the preparations of housecleaning; preparing simple gifts including homemade candies, cookies, and cakes; wrapping and marking of packages.

2. Have the whole family plan and execute the Christmas decorations. A creche is always lovely as a religious center of interest. It may be home made with a box for a stable, and dolls dressed for the characters. One or two figures might be gotten each year, or whole sets may be purchased. If you have a lovely Madonna picture, hang it in a prominent place over the fireplace, bookcase, or wall table, and place candles on either side.

AT CHRISTMAS

1. Go with your children to their Church School program.

2. Take the children with you to the Christmas service of the church. Show by your willingness to assist in these services that you consider the church important.

3. Have a family service Christmas eve. Sing some of the best loved carols, read or tell the Christmas story, read a devotional poem. Perhaps the children would like other stories of Christmas. Many of these may be found as well as other suggestions for Christmas in the December issues of "Children's Religion." If you would like the 1939, 1940, or 1941 December issues you may get them for 15 cents a single copy from the Pilgrim Press, 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

May the spirit of the Holy Child dwell with us in greater measure than ever this Christmastide.

Plymouth House

The Social Action Group at Plymouth House is small but energetic. Each member has studied some social service agency or sought to discover a need for philanthropic work in Berkeley or Oakland. The object of the survey has been to discover ways in which our students may help.

As a result one of our members is teaching in the Church School of a small struggling church nearby. Several young people are arranging to help in the work of a Boys' Club in an underprivileged neighborhood. Two needy families were found for whom the Social Action Committee agreed to secure Thanksgiving baskets. At the Open House on Friday, November 14, each guest brought foodstuffs or money and a few days later nearly 200 pounds of food including two fine roasts were sent from the House in decorated baskets.

Sunday, November 16, the program of devotions and discussion was presented by this group. A student, who had made a study of Day Nurseries in Oakland, gave a fine report and exhibited snapshots of the work. It was then unanimously voted to provide a Christmas Party with tree and gifts for about 65 children at the WPA Nursery.

Y. P. WINTER CONFERENCE

First Church, Berkeley, will see the opening of the Pilgrim Fellowship Winter Conference at 1 p. m. on Monday, December 29. The program will be full and fascinating, but not too full to allow time for a tour of the Berkeley Campus and a trip up the Campanile, folkdancing, singing, and informal fellowship.

"Fortifying for the Future" is the Conference Theme, to be carried out by the speakers and through roundtable discussion groups. Chaplain of the Conference will be Rev. Donald Gaylord of Grace United Church of San Francisco. President will be, of course, Miss Joanna Wilder of Salida. Recreation Leader will be Torrance Jones of San Mateo and the Pacific School of Religion. Director will be Rev. Wim Meyer of Fairfax.

The headline speaker for the Conference will be Dr. Edward Vernon Tenney. Dr. Tenney is Associate Professor of Psychology and Philosophy at Fresno State College, and has been for many years a popular figure at P. F. Conferences and meetings. He will give four talks at the Conference sessions.

Full details of the program and final list of speakers will appear in the December issue of the "Light," which will appear after the forthcoming meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship State Cabinet.

Outstanding at the Conference, though not listed on the official program, will be dozens of reunions of summer conference companions, and the forming of friendships and plans for the summer conferences of the coming summer.

Association Pilgrim Fellowships will have opportunity for a business meeting during the Conference time, and association officers are asked to be in readiness. Detailed plans for Pilgrim Fellowship week in January will be worked out at the Berkeley meetings.

Registration is $2.25, including four meals. To get this rate, the delegates MUST register before December 21. After that date the fee is $2.60. Groups should consult their pastors, and send their registration blanks with fees together, to Rev. E. T. Sherman, Midwinter Registrar, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco. Groups registering first will gain advantage in both housing and seating during the Conference.

There will be prizes for the largest delegation, for delegation traveling the most man-miles, and for the best insignia (arm-band, cap, badge, or what have you) for the delegation.

FAIR PLAY

"The Northern California Committee on Fair Play for Citizens and Aliens of Japanese Ancestry" has been formed, with Gen. David P. Barrows as chairman and Galen M. Fisher as secretary. In times of international tension people, whether citizens or not, of enemy nations are at once under suspicion. We have in California 100,000 Japanese, of whom three-fourths are American citizens. Thousands of young Japanese Americans have entered the armed forces. Almost without exception, Japanese youth are loyal to the United States, and such is also the case with their parents. The office of the committee is at 68 Post St., San Francisco.

"When it is extremely difficult to draw a clear line between right and wrong, there is a strong temptation not to draw a line anywhere, whereas in fact it is all the more important to draw a line somewhere."—From September, 1941, issue of "Theology."

In the September number of "Theology," it is pointed out that the question of "Reprisals" was debated in the 16th Century: "The answer then given to it was that (1) you may not do evil that good may come, (2) it is not right to punish a sin which is only feared but not yet committed, (3) there are other ways of preventing children from doing mischief when they grow up. Are we going to go back on that?"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 29-31 — Pilgrim Fellowship Mid-Winter Conference, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.
January 15-16—Women's Federation annual meeting, Alameda.
February 17-19—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
March 16-20 — Laymen's Schools of Churchmanship.
April 5—Easter Sunday.
June 23-30—General Council of Congregational-Christian Churches, Hanover, N. H.
July 25-August 1—Zephyr Point young people's conference.

WE WILL DO OUR PART

Congregationalists must do their part in meeting the emergencies occasioned by the war.

Millions of people are hungry, homeless, and in peril in China, in England, and on the Continent.

Our great missionary enterprises here and abroad must meet increased expenses.

Thousands of young men in military service, and families in crowded defense areas, need our church's ministry.

The Congregational Committee for Assistance to War Victims has assumed, at the request of our General Council, additional responsibility, and is now known as the Congregational-Christian Committee for War Victims and Services, with Rev. Boynton Merrill as Chairman.

Through thousands of pastors, Dr. Merrill is asking our churches for a year of sacrificial giving. Each church is urged to ask 10% or more of its members, as reported in the Year Book, to give not less than 25 cents a week for one year, and not to decrease any other gift for the local church or benevolences. It is suggested that this matter be presented the Sunday before Christmas. Leaflets, pledge cards, and monthly envelopes are available at the office of the committee, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

This committee will carefully observe the designations of moneys given for specific objects, but with funds that are not earmarked, will use discretion to meet needs as they arise and as funds permit. $1,200,000 is urgently needed, and that amount can be raised if 10% of our people give 25 cents a week for the year. Many of us will want to do much more.

The Conference Board has asked the Committee on Social Action to see to it that each church receives this challenge.

CHRISTMAS FUND

As we make our plans for Christmas, let us remember the veteran ministers of our fellowship who are cared for by the Ministerial Relief Division of the Board of Home Missions. About seven hundred family units—which means usually a minister and his wife or a minister's widow—are dependent wholly or in part upon pension grants which reach them from our board. But these grants have declined steadily with the falling missionary giving of our churches and are now at the point where the average annual grant to a man and wife is $250 and the average grant to a widow, $198.

At Christmas time we have the chance to supplement these pitifully small pensions by making a gift of love and gratitude. Last year nearly 800 Christmas checks were sent to members of our Congregational Christian family in all parts of the country. In addition, an Emergency Fund was reserved which has done wonderful service in meeting unexpected crises in the lives of our aged or disabled ministers in the course of the year.

The letters that come in response to these gifts are pathetic in their gratitude. You can read some of them in a leaflet which is on hand for distribution this morning. Again and again people speak of the way the check has made it possible for them to meet the bare necessities of life, or to provide a few comforts. But even more they speak of their gratitude that people of the church have not forgotten them in their loneliness.

Checks should be sent at once to the Board of Home Missions, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y. and marked "Christmas Fund." Northern California retired ministers and widows will share in the benefit of this nationwide appeal.

COMMITTEES

At the November meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Directors the Committees of the Board were appointed. The name of one committee was changed and will be known hereafter as the "Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life" instead of "Committee on Forward Movement in the Churches." Since so many of our organizations and departments are working in the field of missionary education and promotion, the Committee on World Service has been omitted. Following is a list of those appointed and who have accepted:

Appropriations: Rev. John H. Gregg, Mr. E. B. Kientz, Mrs. Scott Haymond.

Evangelism and Devotional Life: Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Rev. Augustine Jones, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Pierson Parker.

Finance: Rev. W. Wallace Furze, Mr. C. S. Morse, Mr. A. W. Moore, Mr. A. J. Watson, Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Laymen's Fellowship Commission: Mr. George B. Martin, Mr. Peirce Coombes, Mr. Jack Dennison, Mr. E. B. Kientz, Mr. Robert J. White, Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., Mr. B. M. Benson, Mr. Harold T. Avery.

Religion in Higher Education: Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Rev. Vere V. Lopez, Mrs. T. E. Borden, Mr. George S. Martin, Rev. Charles E. Ward, Mrs. S. C. Peabody, Mr. Edward V. Tenney.

Religious Education: Rev. Verdette Walters, Miss Mae Baudin, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Rev. Wm. W. Meyer, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Miss Edith M. Clark, Rev. T. Davis Preston.

Social Action: Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Miss Mary Coxhead, Mrs. Wm. W. Meyer, Rev. Victor H. Morgan, Mr. F. B. Fulmer.

Young People's Work: Rev. E. W. Benedict, Miss Joanna Wilder, Mr. Theodore E. Nichols, Miss Elva Spiess, Rev. Edward Reighard, Rev. Fred R. Morrow.

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Final Check-up

In many ways the following report is the most important one of the year. It is the last and final check-up, for it includes the receipts for benevolences through the Conference office for 11 months, and shows the comparison with the like period of 1940. There is a gain of about $800 thus far, and that gain is less than it has been in earlier months. If churches are satisfied merely to hold their own, all the effort of a year ago which was made by the Conference Board to increase our giving will be lost. Thirty-five churches set goals for 1941 of an advance. Surely they will not fail, and their efforts must not be neutralized by failure of other churches to come up to the previous level. The dead line is January 10. Will not every pastor and treasurer, together with the chairmen of boards of trustees and missionary committees, of young people's organizations and women's societies, unite in doing their utmost before that date?

	Nov. 1941	Jan.11 to Nov.30,'41	Jan. 11 to Nov.30,'40
Adin	$	$ 28.63	$ 24.75
Alameda	200.00	432.50	461.56
Alturas	.....	12.05	10.58
Angels Camp	.....	114.50	100.00
Antioch	4.19	57.43	28.95
Auburn	10.00	90.00	.....
Benicia	.....	30.00	5.00
Berkeley—			
Chinese	.....	25.00	.....
First	379.03	4,049.35	4,151.15
North	79.66	463.93	552.05
Park	.....	51.92	66.50
Callahan	.....	5.13	.....
Campbell	.....	148.00	191.00
Cedarville	.....	100.00	100.00
Cloverdale	.....	52.47	76.28
Cotati	.....	55.03	42.50
Crockett	21.94	98.95	55.44
Etna	.....	6.85	.....
Eureka	.....	286.90	376.81
Fairfax	.....	15.00	20.00
Ferndale	.....	266.26	183.93
Fresno—			
First	150.00	761.42	862.25
Japanese	.....	10.00	.....
Pilgrim	.....	110.00	125.10
Zion	.....	50.00	50.00
Glen Ellen	.....	20.00	15.00
Guerneville	.....	16.00	6.50
Hayfork	.....	5.00	10.00
Hayward	.....	150.00	200.00
Kenwood	.....	3.00	5.30
Lewiston	.....	.....	18
Lodi, First	315.00	1,095.00	903.00
Loomis	11.39	37.30	44.65
Martinez	.....	335.00	194.02
Murphys	.....	81.00	77.50
Niles	.....	8.70	8.00
Oakland—			
Bethany	50.00	50.00	40.00
First	400.00	4,642.00	4,236.60
Fruitvale	.....	40.28	50.00
Pilgrim	3.00	37.69	35.58
Plymouth	69.42	732.24	676.11
Oroville	.....	33.09	43.54
Pacific Grove	.....	178.88	178.80
Palo Alto	.....	558.50	1,261.00
Paradise	25.00	204.00	225.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	.....
Penngrove	7.10	26.76	20.64
Pescadero	.....	2.50	.....
Petaluma	65.56	554.44	474.12
Pittsburg	.....	138.06	154.31
Port Chicago	12.00	12.00	.....
Porterville	.....	280.00	230.00
Redwood City	.....	649.41	548.28
Reedley	.....	5.00	.....
Rio Vista	.....	112.50	150.00
Ripon	2.72	115.66	155.52
Sacramento	64.44	719.74	578.59
Salida	.....	40.00	2.00
San Carlos	22.80	70.54	84.94
San Francisco—			
Bethany, Msn. Pk.	.....	225.68	260.15
Chinese	.....	.....	10.00
First	120.85	1,892.06	1,492.23
Ocean View	1.90	61.90	50.00
Richmond	.....	75.00	112.00
San Jose	45.00	580.71	683.50
San Leandro	46.00	100.12	90.94
San Lorenzo	20.00	20.00	.....
San Mateo	.....	700.39	620.39
San Rafael	30.00	60.00	62.23
Santa Cruz	100.00	635.00	725.00
Santa Rosa	.....	126.25	162.81
Saratoga	.....	289.49	294.09
Sebastopol	11.86	165.28	162.14
Sonoma	.....	89.20	84.60
Soquel	.....	75.00	80.62
Stockton	40.25	547.65	488.27
Suisun	.....	89.10	41.33
Sunnyvale	.....	44.17	10.21
Sunol	.....	25.00	.....
Tulare	110.00	480.00	327.00
Weaverville	7.50	82.50	102.73
Woodside	.....	34.00	20.00
Reno, Nevada	.....	395.06	359.09
Miscellaneous and Individual	.....	1,399.43	1,318.30
	$2,426.61	$26,478.60	$25,650.66

POST WAR PROGRAM

In the November issue we ran a statement signed by a number of our ministers, setting forth their stand on the question of war and peace. In this issue we are giving our people, herewith, a "Program of Action" adopted by the annual meeting of the American Council of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches, held at Rochester, N. Y., November 9-11.

We believe in the power of the living God, in His objective and universal ethical principles, and in His creative spirit of love, which transcends the barriers of nation, race and class. Despite the present spread of war, we hold to our faith in the possibility of a new and better world order based on these principles.

Therefore, we present the following program as a statement and an outline of what we believe can and should be accomplished. We commend this program to the earnest consideration of the churches and religious people everywhere.

1. Encourage and strengthen our hope of an ordered world wherein all nations and peoples may enjoy the benefits of peace based upon righteousness and justice. We are convinced no such peace is possible until the totalitarian threat against our own liberties and institutions, as against those of all freedom loving peoples, is removed. Therefore, we urge upon all our people a deeper dedication to the responsibilities and sacrifices necessary to that end.

2. Continue to support measures to prevent exploitation of the national emergency for private gain by capital, labor, or other groups.

3. Protect and extend in practice democratic ideals and safeguard the liberties guaranteed to all our citizens of whatever race, creed, color, or national origin.

4. Educate our people through studies and discussion of a just and durable peace based on adequate international organization.

5. Emphasize the part the United States must play in the creation and maintenance of the agencies and machinery necessary to secure international justice and the abolition of war. To this end the churches should do all in their power to create a public opinion that will support the necessary sacrifices and prevent the withdrawal of our nation from the rest of the world when the immediate crisis is ended and the need for international cooperation will be greatest, so that the United States may take its full and rightful place among the family of nations.

6. Develop through the churches and other religious groups a more persistent effort to practice brotherhood as essential to international peace.

7. Help generously and constructively the victims of oppression and aggression through sacrificial and continuous humanitarian aid.

RELIGION IN HOME

Mrs. W. B. Buckham of our Conference Committee on Religious Education had two splendid articles in the last issue of "Advance," both of them dealing with the highly important problem of religion in the home. One was a copy of her address at the seminar at the time of the General Council. Mrs. Buckham is chairman of the subcommittee on Religion in the Home, which committee is preparing an outline for use in churches with parents of children.

Men's Retreat

Two retreats of laymen have been held and two are under way as The Pacific goes to press, so it is impossible to give a complete report in this issue. The attendance at the Marysville meeting was considerably larger than a year ago but that at Saratoga was smaller, this due to its being held on the Thanksgiving Day weekend. Nevertheless the interest in the discussions was never better and the fellowship was all that could be desired. Excellent leaders gave of their experience, and without exception the men in attendance expressed themselves as being desirous of attending future gatherings. Team members at Marysville were Mr. Peirce Coombes, Professor Clifford Manshardt, Rev. Charles E. Ward, and Field Secretary Sherman; at Saratoga they were Mr. George B. Martin, Rev. Torrance Phelps, Professor James Muilenburg, and Superintendent Gill.

FROM HAWAII

Many readers of The Pacific will be glad to learn that Rev. C. G. Marshall, who was for many years pastor at Sunnyvale, is enjoying the beautiful climate of Hawaii, where he and Mrs. Marshall make a home for their son, who is a distinguished physician. Mr. Marshall writes that he has made many congenial contacts, and is very much attached to Central Union Church and its pastor. He is active in a Sunday School class and finds enjoyment in his reading and in caring for a large garden, even growing orchids. The climate is agreeable to Mr. Marshall, but Mrs. Marshall does not enjoy it so much. Incidentally, he sent a two-year subscription to The Pacific, which is appreciated by the publishers.

SOQUEL. The church hall is open on Friday evenings for young people who want to enjoy a good time of social fellowship with craft work, games, and music. A well-rounded church program has been developed, including a community club for married couples, a women's guild, a ladies' circle, church school, and various young people's activities. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. On a recent Sunday Dr. B. C. Wong, pastor, preached a sermon in Chinese, the first in that language for more than two years, and then on the Sunday following discussed the same theme in English. Rev. Henry Stauffer conducted communion service on November 9. The building fund of the church continues to grow.

FAIRFAX. The painting of the church building has been completed and paid for. Rev. Clifford Manshardt was speaker at the church Thanksgiving dinner. New choir robes are being made. Rev. William Meyer, the pastor, was director of the Christian Leadership Institute at Petaluma with Dr. Harry Stock as speaker.

OAKLAND, BETHANY ARMENIAN. Rev. M. M. Aijian, who was formerly pastor at Parlier and later in southern California, has accepted the call of the church to begin work on February 1. Rev. M. G. Papazian will return for supply work during the month of January.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. During November the pastor, Rev. H. K. Khachadourian, visited every family of the church as well as making sick calls in hospitals. On one Sunday he preached for the Bethany Church in Oakland.

MARTINEZ. Ten new members were received during October. The Every Member Canvass has been carried through effectively. Interest and church attendance are good. Rev. Verdette Walters is pastor.

LODI. A thousand people attended the union Thanksgiving service at the Lodi Union High School. There was a choir of 150 voices and a quartet of ministers, of which our two pastors are members—Rev. A. R. Boone and Rev. F. W. Gross. Seven members of one family were received into the church on a recent Sunday. Pilgrim Fellowship for the central area gathered for a Sunday afternoon and evening. Young people spoke in the afternoon, and Rev. Edward Reighard of Berkeley gave an address in the evening.

PALO ALTO. Mrs. Edith Kirkwood was hostess to the women of the church at their Thank Offering meeting, which resulted in one of the largest offerings in the church's history. In response to a request from adults to know more about the Bible, Rev. Augustine Jones, the pastor, has been meeting with those who care to discuss the book of Job on Monday nights at his home. Thirty-two persons responded. For the first time in many years a thorough Every Member Canvass is being conducted.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. The church school is flourishing, with attendance increasingly regular. The staff is complete and includes three university students. The financial canvass was more successful than a year ago. The attendance at the vesper service has been low, but there has been much appreciation of the efforts of Dr. Pierson Parker and others who have assisted him. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Dimock lead in carefully prepared worship services each Sunday morning.

SAN MATEO. As an assistance to canvassers in making their annual solicitation a phonograph record of a demonstration interview between a canvasser and a church member was played. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, the pastor, gave the tone to Thanksgiving month with sermons on "The Puritan Conscience" and "That Pilgrim Band." Torrance Jones, student at Pacific School of Religion, is in charge of youth work.

OAKLAND, FIRST. A special Thanksgiving service on the night before Thanksgiving Day was conducted with Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, preaching. Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to the needy. On Friday evenings open house is being held for service boys. The Women's League held their Thank Offering service on November 6, using a dramatic presentation of Gibran's "Jesus the Son of Man." Gifts amounted to $248.

PORT CHICAGO. Construction is going forward on the social hall, which will be ready for Christmas activities. Pledges are being taken for the cost of he building, and for the first time a substantial gift has been made to benevolences and young people's projects. Mrs. Herman F. Swartz is to speak on "Mexico" at the ladies' bazaar. A war relief offering box has been installed in the church. Mr. Sherwood Wirt is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Executive Secretary of Pilgrim Place and father of Rev. Donald Gaylord, the pastor, was the preacher on November 23. At the fall festival and fair there was a profit from all departments for the church amounting to about $950. The church united with other Protestant groups in the Mission District in a Thanksgiving service.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The church building has been moved to the corner site, but has not yet settled on the new foundations. Services for five Sundays have been held in the social hall which was sold to a women's club. The building fund continues to grow. In a single month Rev. Harvey V. Miller, the pastor, made over 200 visits at homes or places of business.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. George E. Atkinson, on account of failing eyesight, has resigned his pastorate to take effect January 11. He has completed 12 years of service in this church and is beloved throughout the community. Mr. Atkinson graduated from Pacific School of Religion in 1898. During his seminary course he did considerable preaching, but his first full-time pastorate was in eastern Washington, where he married the vice principal of the school, who through all the years has been the faithful pastor's wife whom so many thousands of people have come to know and love. For 41 years they have served churches in northern California except for a period during the world war when Mr. Atkinson was with the Y.M.C.A. His churches in our fellowship have been at Etna Mills, Campbell, Martinez, Ceres, and Sebastopol. Few ministers have had a record of more consistent, faithful and effective service. He was Conference Moderator a number of years ago and has been a member of the State Board during the regimes of three superintendents. His retirement will bring from our entire fellowship of churches the sentiment, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Plans for the immediate future have not yet been made.

FRESNO, FIRST. Budget for the new year has been adopted, which together with certain other resources will enable the church to meet the goal of missionary giving suggested by the Conference. Venetian blinds have been installed in the minister's study and new drapes and curtains in the Sunday School rooms. All church school department rooms have been redecorated. New Pilgrim Hymnals and choir robes have been secured and were dedicated at a special service. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, has conducted half-hour radio programs on both local stations during November. Twenty-nine church school teachers and officers attended the one-day training institute under Dr. Harry T. Stock.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The Murphys Church is making contributions to the Debt of Honor and the Christmas Fund. The redecorated building has drawn a real community interest. The White Pines Sunday School will continue as long as snow permits, the attendance being about 45. Three young people from Angels Camp attended the Lodi Rally. Rehearsals are going forward for Christmas music at Angels Camp, which will be of high quality. Rev. John G. Dickey does not hesitate to do manual work, and recently assisted in re-roofing a Boy Scout cabin.

FERNDALE. Following the closing of the pastorate of Rev. Roscoe D. Douglass, Superintendent Gill visited Ferndale and arrangements were made for supplying the pulpit with Rev. Harry S. McCready in charge. Mr. McCready, who was at one time pastor of Plymouth Church, Oakland, has recently returned to California. Our church in Ferndale has made overtures to two other churches in the community looking towards some kind of union or federation.

SARATOGA. Actual construction of foundations for the new wing of the building is being undertaken, completion to be made in the spring. One hundred twenty-five people attended the fellowship dinner in November, with Rev. Harry S. McCready as the speaker. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. The fiftieth anniversary of the Mayflower Church was held November 27-30 with appropriate programs and a fellowship dinner. Rev. Elwood B. Hunter is pastor.

ALAMEDA. Lt. Col. Gail Cleland, pastor of the Alameda church for the past 13 years, has been called for additional service as chaplain in the U. S. Army, and has resigned his pastorate to take effect January 1. Dr. Cleland has not only led his church effectively during all of the years, but has been a strong factor in the political, civic, and welfare circles of the city, and has served on many boards and committees of his denomination and of interdenominational organizations. Mrs. Cleland has been outstanding in the work of the Federation of Congregational Women, and was Moderator of the State Conference for one year. They will be seriously missed in northern California, but will render a very significant service to the boys in the army. The church has an active committee looking toward the securing of a new pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. The Weaverville Church is securing new Pilgrim Hymnals which will be of great assistance in the worship. Visits were made by two of our leaders during the month of November. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker spent four days there. He spoke before the high school students and teachers, to the Ladies' Aid which responded with their first Thanking Offering amounting to $17; he gave an address to the people of the community at Memorial Hall, and preached on Sunday morning. Following this, Rev. E. P. Shier of Loomis conducted a preaching mission for a number of days. It was an extremely busy week with many other activities, and congregations were not large, but they increased steadily and a number of families became interested and the spiritual life of the church received a decided lift. The Thanksgiving dinner at the parish house made provision for those who for various reasons could not enjoy family Thanksgivings. Rev. P. N. Bennett takes an active interest in Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, and the Tuberculosis Association.

ALTURAS. A service of recognition for the pastor, Rev. Theodore Schulz, was held on Sunday, November 30. Rev. C. W. Gawthrop, Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Northern California, gave the sermon, and Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman gave a charge to both the people and the pastor, and offered the prayer of consecration. Mr. Sherman also met with a group of young people and gave a stimulus toward the youth organization. Mr. and Mrs. Schulz are fine musicians, and are doing a splendid work in Alturas. They are receiving the wholehearted and loyal support of both Baptist and Congregational groups.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Seventeen new members were received at the November communion. This church has a well-rounded program for youth, including Boy Scouts, Winthrop League for high school students, Plymouth House for college young people, the Young Business and Professional Group, and the Young Married People's Group. An inter-church hour, sponsored by five churches, is held every Sunday night and broadcast over station KRE. Rev. Vere V. Loper is the pastor.

SAN JOSE. On December 3 this church had its "kick-off" dinner for the Every Member Canvass which is being directed by Dean Paul Pitman and Ruth Crittenden. At the dinner, the thirty members who joined recently were guests of honor. Rev. S. C. Peabody is the pastor.

PENNGROVE and COTATI. Field Secretary Sherman is assisting in putting on a church and community canvass in Penngrove. The two churches are planning a joint social program for the winter months. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

OROVILLE. Mrs. C. C. Champlin, wife of the pastor, was in charge of a Thank Offering Tea at which over 90 ladies were present, with a splendid musical and literary program, and a spirit of friendliness and optimism. High school girls in formal gowns took part in a candle-lighting ceremony and gave eight reasons for being thankful. About 12,000 people were present at the dedication of the Oroville Airport, at which Mr. Champlin offered the invocation. The "Greater Church Committee" called for a large congregation on November 30 to launch a campaign which would make possible the retention of the leadership of the Champlins. At the dinner which followed, more than $2,000 was raised and the canvass for the balance of the budget was begun. Plans are under way to bring two auto loads of young people from the new Pilgrim Fellowship group to the Mid-winter Conference.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Rev. Torrance Phelps has five divisions in his service of worship, each following the other in an order calculated to develop the devotional spirit. They are "Liturgy of Aspiration," including the prelude, processional, hymn, and the invocation; "Liturgy of Confession," which is the responsive reading, and the "Gloria"; "Liturgy of Assurance," Scripture, prayer and music; "Liturgy of Dedication," offering and anthem; and "Liturgy of Guidance," including the sermon, hymn, and benediction. The Sunday evening forum is rendering a real service to those who desire to see the implications of Christianity for our present-day world.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The Forward Movement program has taken hold. The goal of $10,000 is in sight. Contract has been let for roofing repairs costing nearly $1,000. Budget subscriptions as well as pledges for the Forward Movement were made at a delightful church dinner. The decorations were exquisite and appropriate. Twenty-five tables with ten persons each were served, a host and hostess being at each table. As an interracial project, prizes have been offered to young people's groups of the East Bay for posters. The response was surprising. The posters were not only beautiful but original. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. Floor plans and elevation for the new church building have been approved. The problem of priorities has been ironed out, the financial campaign has reached the point where detailed specifications are now being drawn, so that bids will be called for; in short, there is every reason to believe that actual construction of the lovely new sanctuary and tower and a portion of the parish house will be under way within the next few weeks. The Board of Home Missions through its Building Department has promised splendid assistance. Rev. H. J. Loken reports the work of the parish at high tide.

SAN RAFAEL. The attendance at Sunday School has almost doubled last year's record. Evening services have been started and the attendance is encouraging. Rev. Willard W. Turner, the pastor was recently ordained in Los Angeles. An evening service was conducted by the Christian Business Men's Committee of the Bay district and the church was nearly filled.

SANTA CRUZ. Nine new members were received into the church in November. The union Thanksgiving service of the city was held in the Congregational Church, the pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, presiding. Two groups in the church held rummage sales netting about $150.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. On December 2 the pastor, Mr. Norio Ozaki, was examined by a council of East Bay churches, and found to be qualified for ordination. Rev. J. B. Orr was Moderator and Mr. Galen Fisher the Scribe. Following dinner, which was served by the church, the ordination service was held, with Scripture reading by Rev. Harvey V. Miller, the sermon by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the prayer of ordination by Rev. Robert Inglis, the charge to the pastor by Rev. Pierson Parker, the charge to the people by Rev. Eiji Kawamorita, and the right hand of fellowship by Superintendent Gill. Mr. Ozaki is a graduate of the University of Southern California and also holds degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Theology from that institution. He is able to preach both in Japanese and in English. He made a fine impression upon the ordaining council.

REDWOOD CITY. The Annual Luncheon, attended by a capacity crowd of 150 ladies, was very successful in carrying out its "good neighbor" theme of "The Other Americas" by means of elaborate table and room decorations, its featured talk, and even its menu. The 79th birthday of the church was commemorated by a birthday cake served after the morning service on the very day of the anniversary. December 7 was set aside as Every Member Canvass Sunday. The Fellowship of Youth entertained recently to help raise their valiant pledge of $50 for Pilgrim Fellowship projects. Four church officers attended the Saratoga Retreat for Laymen.

ADIN. Rev. A. W. Monosmith gives some highlights of the life of a country parson, among which are the burial service of a young man who killed his father and shot his mother. They had lived just across the fence from the parsonage. Mr. Monosmith missed a daylight hold-up in a store by five minutes. Recently he was called to the home of an old timer who had lived a hard life but who requested baptism into the faith of the church. The parson has gathered a group of high school students, half of whom come from homes where there has been tragedy and almost no contact with the Christian church.

SONOMA. The church is putting in a gas heating system. It will be a great improvement over the old woodburning furnace. Two class rooms have been built for the Sunday School which reduce the noise and make for better work. A larger Thank Offering than usual was given by the Women's Missionary Society. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr on two different occasions during November performed marriage ceremonies in which one of the parties was the child of parents who had been married by Mr. Orr many years ago. The Sunday evening Bible forums continue to be profitable.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The Annual Meeting of the Federation will be held Thursday and Friday, the 15th and 16th of January, 1942, at the Alameda Church. The Thursday meeting will begin at 2 p. m. The Friday meeting will open at 10:15. Dinner will be served on Thursday at 6:30, and lunch on Friday at 12:15. Further details will be given in the January issue of The Pacific, which will be out before the Annual Meeting. Programs will be in the hands of the Commissioners by the first Sunday in January.

There will be no meeting of the Federation in December.

NOV. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Federation was held on the second Thursday of November, because of the occurrence of Thanksgiving on the third Thursday. It was preceded by an Executive Board session. Miss Alice Beard of the First Congregational Church, Oakland, was elected on the Printing Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Frederica Coggeshall of Petaluma. Mrs. Robert d'Erlach, chairman of the Constitution Committee, suggested certain changes in the trial constitution that was adopted last year for use during 1941. The committee moved that the following change be presented to the Federation at the annual meeting in January: Article VII, Sections 2 and 3, shall be altered to provide for a meeting of the Executive Board on the third Wednesday of February, with the usual general meeting on the third Thursday of that month. Other meetings remain unchanged until August, when the Wednesday meeting of the Executive Board (provided for in the trial constitution) will be omitted, and the general meeting will be held as usual on the third Thursday of that month. Mrs. d'Erlach will furnish any woman with a copy of the trial constitution, and she urges that all women study the suggested changes carefully and be ready to vote intelligently at the annual meeting.

Mrs. Ernest Evans brought news of the safe arrival of Miss Bertha Allen in this country. She will live with her father in Claremont. Mrs. Evans also showed some very delightful Christmas cards designed by Chinese artists and on sale for China Relief by the Presbyterian Board, 228 McAllister Street, San Francisco. They are of four different designs and are priced at $1 a dozen.

Mrs. E. B. Kientz reported that the young people so much enjoyed the sessions of the Conference in Stockton that they hoped for a continuance of the "week-end" plan, so that they might always attend. She expressed regret at the resignation of Mrs. Dorothy Bennett from the Religious Education Committee of the Conference. She spoke of the opportunity open to institutes or teachers' gatherings through the presence in Berkeley of Dr. Harry T. Stock, outstanding authority on religious education. Dr. Stock is serving the Pacific School of Religion during the winter term and will be available for addresses or consultation.

Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Thank Offering Secretary, said that Grants Hospital was in need of many things: bedding for the patients, clothing for the children, supplies for the new mother; nothing comes amiss.

Mrs. L. E. De Voss, Home Field Secretary, had urged that missions be brought into the larger women's gatherings, and Mrs. L. M. Drury of Central Association pointed this by saying that in the churches of her Association there were still many who apparently had no idea of the destination of our Thank Offering money. Since this is the season for the sending of this money, the editor feels it might not be amiss to put these projects again in black and white. We share in four: the salary of the minister in Trinity County; the Children's Work in the San Francisco Mission district; the salary of the nurse in our Congregational hospital in Grants, New Mexico; and the support of the hospital work in North China.

Mrs. Edwin T. Sherman reported for the Social Welfare work that there are still six churches which have not filled their quota, and of these, three have not been heard from at all.

Mrs. A. D. Hartwell, Secretary of Literature, and Mrs. d'Erlach, Reading List Chairman, both gave interesting reviews of or comments on the wealth of material they offer us. Mrs. d'Erlach reported that the supplementary reading lists are now ready and any chairman may obtain them by sending her the number needed and the postage. Mrs. d'Erlach's address is 1108 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley. She advises grouping the women in two sections: Readers—all who are interested and read any of the suggested books; and Honor Rolls—those who read eight or more of the books.

Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Prayer Guild Chairman, emphasized a sentence from a recent letter from Dr. Fred Field Goodsell in which, commenting on the world situation, he said: "Every human agency has been disrupted; not so the work of the Church Universal." She urged that as church women we feel a greater responsibility for that new world which we hope will arise out of the present chaos. She told us that the World Day of Prayer, coming in February, would have as its theme: "I Am the Way." The program is being prepared by three women: one a former teacher in Ginling (Union) Christian College; another the wife of a German whose son is in a concentration camp, and the third a Frenchwoman.

We were all saddened by the announcemen of the critical illness of Mrs. Tom Watt, and a motion was unanimously passed to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Watt.

In the afternoon we listened to word from two widely separated fields. Mrs. A. C. Hacke, whose husband was formerly superintendent of North Dakota, told us a little of conditions in that state. It is the most rural state in the Union, with no large metropolis and with few and scattered parishes. The ten years of drought the state has suffered has, of course, greatly affected the churches. Mrs. Hacke told of one minister who was serving six churches, in which every family but two were on relief. Yet the support of the church was the last thing they gave up.

Mrs. Robert Whitaker, who was born in Japan and has worked in China for many years, gave a moving picture of a little Chinese boy who lived on a farm in Shantung Province, whose simple life had been entirely disrupted by the coming of the Japanese. Through the words of the little boy himself she showed what it meant when all their grain and their winter bedding had to be given up to the foreign soldiery, and, more happily, what it also meant when he was one chosen out of four hundred to go to a school far from the invader, to be fed and cared for and to learn of the Jesus whose picture his father, in happier days, had bought for him.

GUERNEVILLE. A community Thanksgiving service was held on November 19 and was well attended. Mr. James P. Senter is pastor.

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55	5.0% per annum	4.5% per annum
60	5.3%	4.7%
65	5.7%	5.1%
70	6.2%	5.5%
75	7.0%	6.2%
80 and over	8.0%	7.0%

Rates for other ages will be given on request. Joint annuity rates (two lives) slightly lower. All annuity payments are semi-annual... Even though rates are lowered again and yet again, contracts now entered into will be unaffected. They will apply throughout life. Principal amounts of $500 or more will be accepted. The new lower rates will go in effect January first, but a few days of grace will be allowed at the old rate to permit the withdrawing of funds after January 1 from savings accounts without loss of interest.

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